

Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention

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Sexual Predators

- Most sexual assaults are committed by a small number of perpetrators.
 - They tend to be repeat offenders, assaulting 7 to 11 women.
- Perpetrators often are attractive and charming, and appear “normal.”
- They seek women or men who are high or otherwise vulnerable.
 - They usually know the person.
- Men who sexually assault women view them as “conquests.”
 - Men can overpower most women with merely their size and weight.
 - They usually don’t use or need weapons or threats.
- At UD, those found “responsible” for sexual assault or harassment face immediate suspension or expulsion.
- The accused also could face felony charges, permanently damaging their record.

Effects of Assault

- Rape increases the victim’s risk of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder 5.5 times more than for those who’ve never been a crime victim.
- About 30% of rape victims admit to contemplating suicide.
 - Rape victims are 13 times more likely to attempt suicide.
- Sexual assault victims are 13.4 times more likely to develop an alcohol problem.
 - They are 26 times more likely to develop a drug problem.
- The victim’s significant other might suffer guilt, depression, anxiety, anger, need for justice and PTSD as a result of the assault.
- Significant others can be a comfort to the victim:
 - Listen to the victim’s story.
 - Keep track of emotional triggers.
 - Be patient with victim’s recovery.

Party Safety

- Alcohol is No. 1 date-rape drug.
- About 90% of sexual assaults on campuses involve alcohol.
- To reduce risks of assault, practice “party safety.”
 - Tell someone where you’re going and when you’re returning.
 - Avoid attending parties alone, and watch out for each other. Take action if a friend loses good judgment or is in danger.
 - Never go off alone with a stranger or let a friend to do so. Not everyone at a UD party is trustworthy.
 - Keep your cell phone charged and programmed with 9-1-1 and campus safety, 229-2121.
- Alcohol isn’t the only source of fun. UD and the Dayton community offer many fun things to do.